

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMISSION
(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Docket No.
S 5405 US-OP/MM

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:
Francis BRIAND, Christian BONNET and Philippe LEFEBVRE
corresponding to French application No. 0007013, filed May
31, 2000,
entitled: LASER/ARC HYBRID WELDING PROCESS WITH APPROPRIATE GAS
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Enclosed are:

X	13 pages of specification.
X	1 sheets of formal drawings.
X	a newly-executed declaration of the inventors.
/	a copy of an executed declaration of the inventor from prior application Serial No. , filed .
/	incorporation by reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied as indicated in the preceding box, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
X	an assignment of the invention to L'Air Liquid, Societe Anonyme Pour L'Etude et L'Exploitation des Procedes Georges Claude, including assignment cover sheet.
X	Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449.
X	copies of the Information Disclosure Statement citations.
X	preliminary amendment.
X	return receipt postcard (MPEP 503), specifically itemized.
X	applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.
X	a certified copy of the French Priority Document.
X	other: Application Data Sheet.

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of prior application No. , filed .

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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT			\$ 270	
			TOTAL	\$ 728
If applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.		SMALL ENTITY TOTAL		\$

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